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Minutes of September 16, 2010

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Thursday, September 16, 2010, in room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 2:33 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk:

Senator Kuipers – Present
Senator VanWoerkom – Present
Senator Cassis – Present
Senator Whitmer – Present
Senator Gleason – 2:35 P.M.

Agenda

- Approve minutes from June 24, 2010.

Motion by Senator VanWoerkom to approve the minutes from June 24, 2010 was supported by Senator Cassis.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator VanWoerkom – Yes
Senator Cassis – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Gleason – (Not yet present)

- **SB 1411** Sen. Van Woerkom
Property tax; state education tax; incentive for intermediate school district consolidation; provide for.
- Senator Van Woerkom gave a brief introduction of SB 1411.
- Larry Lloyd, Rick Hodges, and Jim Dittmer, from the Mason, Lake, and Oceana Intermediate School District, spoke in support of SB 1411.
- Bob Colby, from the Van Buren Legislative Consortium, spoke in opposition of SB 1411.
- Larry Steckelberg, from the Michigan Department of Treasury, spoke in opposition of SB 1411.

- Louise Somalski, representing AFT, did not wish to speak and opposes SB 1411.
- Kathleen Merry, representing Wayne RESA, did not wish to speak and supports SB 1411.
- **HB 1196** Rep. Hammel
Higher education; community colleges; definition of new jobs for which jobs training program is available under community college act; revise.
- Senator Jansen gave a brief introduction of HB 1196.
- Mike Hansen and Eric Williams, representing the Michigan Community College Association and Grand Rapids Community College respectively, spoke in support of HB 5957.
- Steven Busch, representing Energetx, spoke in support of HB 5957.
- Larry Steckelberg, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, spoke in support of HB 5957 and in opposition to the proposed S-1 substitute.
- Louise Somalski, representing AFT, did not wish to speak and opposes HB 5957.
- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 4:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula Englin, Clerk



Wayne Kuipers, Chair

9-23-10
Date Approved